

Green Material Ordinances/Bans

- **San Diego Mandatory Recycling Ordinance**

The City of San Diego's [mandatory recycling ordinance](#) (MRO) prohibits mixing compostable organic materials and specific recyclables (e.g., paper, corrugated cardboard, appliances etc.) with refuse, prior to refuse collection. The Miramar Greenery accepts green and food materials and produces mulch and compost that are sold commercially and are available to the public.

- **San Francisco Mandatory Recycling and Composting Ordinance**

[San Francisco Mandatory Recycling Ordinance](#) requires all residents and businesses to separate recyclables, compostables and waste material. Residents and businesses are required to subscribe to adequate trash, recycling and composting service. Residents are allowed to place food waste in their green waste bins. The mixed organic materials are hauled to Recology composting sites in Solano and Stanislaus counties.

- **Santa Cruz County** enacted a landfill ban in 2005 to save space in the Buena Vista landfill and recover valuable materials. The [ordinance](#) prohibits the disposal of a wide variety of materials at the County's landfill or transfer station. The County provides recycling options for all banned materials at these sites. Recyclable materials banned from disposal include:

- Yard waste and wood waste
- Tires
- Major appliances and mattresses
- All types of paper and cardboard
- Rigid plastic containers of resins 1-7
- Concrete, asphalt, tile and gypsum
- Electronics, and
- Metal cans and scrap metal

- **Sonoma County** has enacted a [landfill ban](#) for specified recyclable materials. Fines of up to \$500 and even jail time up to 6 months are possible for violations. Recycling options are available at the landfill and transfer stations for all specified materials.

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Sonoma County code Section 22-7A states that no person shall dispose of any of the following recyclable materials at any disposal area within [Sonoma County](#), including:

- Yard debris or wood debris
- Major appliances
- Corrugated cardboard
- Electronics
- Scrap metal, and
- Tires